

Appl. No. 10/646,793
Amendment dated: September 21, 2005
Reply to OA of: June 29, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the invention taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action and to place the application in early condition for allowance. The Examiner's helpful comments are appreciated and it is believed that this response overcomes the outstanding rejection and places the application in early condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to recite the particular species as proposed by the Examiner. Dependent claims 7, 22, 8,23 and 9 and 24 have been correspondingly amended to be proper dependent claims. The Applicants most respectfully submit that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record. These amendments are simply following the Examiner's suggestion to place the application in condition for allowance and clarifying amendments to place the dependent claims in proper form. Entry of the amendment is in order and is most respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-29 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the amendments to the claims. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdraw.


Applicants note that the only issue in the Official Action is with respect to the above and now believe that the application is in condition for allowance as all issues have been obviated. However, if the Examiner believes there are other issues, she is most respectfully invited to contact the undersigned to expedite the early allowance of this application.

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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